

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

April 28, 2015

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Carol Cook  
Commissioner Will Jordan  
Commissioner Pettus Read  
Commissioner Brad Turner  
Commissioner Rhonda Allen, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess  
Gary Clardy  
Teresa Jolly  
Becky Shelton  
Don Odom  
Jeff Sandvig  
Dana Garrett

Chairman Allen presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with five members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

The Committee was provided a copy of the April 2, 2015 minutes for its use and information. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Community Care report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dana Garrett presented the Health Department report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Read moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the Health Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Garrett next presented her proposed 15/16 budgets for Account 55190 which is reimbursed by the State, Account 55160 Dental and Account 55110 Local Health Center. The Committee was advised Account 55160 Dental had no increase over the current budget. Ms. Garrett advised Account 55110 provides for seven full time positions and she was asking for one full time Administrative II position as this position was lost in years past. Chairman Allen advised she supported the position as it is not cost effective to have higher paid personnel doing the clerical reports. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the 15/16 budgets for Accounts 55190, 55160 and 55110 as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

Teresa Jolly presented the Special Projects report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to approve the Special Projects report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Superintendent Odom first presented proposed 14/15 General Purpose School budget amendments including (1) an amendment reallocating \$106,516 in already budgeted staff and the related \$8,379 in benefits. No new positions are involved. The amendment covers two vacation payouts, an additional 37 days for the retired Vocational Ed Coordinator, reallocates the vacant Vocational Clerk's

salary to the CTE Specialist position which began last year and covers other changes caused by staff turnover. (2) An amendment reallocating \$465,223 in already budgeted medical insurance, life insurance and long term disability insurance based on staff the Board of Education now has in place after the 2015 re-enrollment. No new funds are being used. (3) An amendment reallocating \$70,004 in already budgeted vocational materials and supplies to the line items where the funds are needed this year. No new funds are being used. \$68,364 is for the major function 71300, Vocational Ed, and \$1,640 for 72230, Vocational Ed Program and (4) A GPS Budget Amendment for technology due to the big unfunded mandate in the 15/16 General Schools budget of \$3,148,730 to upgrade existing computer labs, add new computer labs and purchase laptop carts so the system can handle on-line testing next year. This amendment takes \$1,000,000 of the growth local sales tax revenue and budgets it for \$1,000,000 in instruction equipment so that the Technology Department can start ordering and installing equipment in May. Testing will be in January/February and the School Board is trying to get the first installment in. The State says paper testing is more expensive than on-line testing. The infrastructure was upgraded a couple of years ago but the system is 3,721 computers short of being able to test one/half of the highest enrolled grade level/subject in each school using Windows 7 or higher computers. Mr. Odom advised they intend to purchase desktop computers at a cost of \$657 as this avoids having to purchase batteries subsequently. The system can use the XP computers in other areas but not for testing. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner to (1) amend \$106,516 in already budgeted staff and the related \$8,379 in benefits for a total of \$114,895 in already budgeted certified staff and the related benefits as presented; (2) amend a total of \$465,223 in already budgeted medical insurance, life insurance and long term disability insurance as presented; (3) amend a total of \$70,004 for vocational materials and supplies to the line items where the funds are needed this year as presented; and (4) amend an additional \$1,000,000 in local option sales tax revenue and to increase the budgeted expenditures for instructional equipment, Account 71100-722, by \$1,000,000 and to reduce the 15/16 General Purpose School budget request for technology by the same \$1,000,000 contingent on County Commission approval of this amendment. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Clardy next presented an Energy Efficient Schools Initiative Loan Agreement for \$678,384 in energy efficient projects from the Energy Efficiency School Initiative Commission. The loan for these projects will be at 0.75% with a four year payment schedule. The projects the loan covers includes work at Rock Springs Middle, Smyrna High, Stewarts Creek Middle, LaVergne High, Riverdale High, Oakland High, Blackman High and Blackman Middle Schools. Mr. Clardy advised the savings are used to pay the loan and they do not start paying until the projects are completed. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Energy Efficiency School Initiative Loan Agreement of \$678,384 and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Odom next presented a rough draft of the proposed 15/16 budget for Committee review advising it is still a work in progress as they are trying to get the numbers from the State. Mr. Odom advised they are starting to lose personnel to other counties because they are paying better. The Committee was also provided the Cafeteria budget and the proposed Fund 177 Major Capital Projects budget through 19/20 advising it is based on 7¢.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.